

Landslide forces Cancellation of “Yosemite in a Day” Tours

A series of landslides on State Highway 140 about 20 miles east of Mariposa (near El Portal) which began in early May 2006 have continued through the month, resulting in delays to Amtrak – VIA’s Yosemite in a Day motor coach service from Amtrak California’s San Joaquin trains in Merced.

A large landslide on June 1, 2006 covered the entire highway for several hundred feet at that same location. The road is expected not to reopen until November, while the rubble is removed and the road rebuilt.

AN ALTERNATE ROUTE FOR THE MOTOR COACH CONNECTION HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED, BUT THAT ROUTE (via State Highways 49 and 41) TAKES MUCH LONGER THAN THE OLD ONE! **FOR THAT REASON, THERE IS NO LONGER SUFFICIENT TIME FOR A “DAY TOUR” OF YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK.**

If you wish to visit the park, and stay overnight, it will still be possible to make those trips. If you have scheduled a day trip to Yosemite, please contact Amtrak as soon as possible 1-800-USA-RAIL.

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